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## Procedure Code Updates for Disposable Medical Supplies

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid is updating disposable medical supplies (DMS) coverage, policies, and limitations to reflect 2006 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These changes include changing, ending, and adding new HCPCS procedure codes.

Refer to the Attachment of this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* for a list of procedure codes, procedure code descriptions, procedure code status, copayment amounts, maximum allowable fees, nursing home reimbursement status, and procedure code requirements.

Allowable DMS procedure codes are listed in the Disposable Medical Supplies Index.

Changes to the DMS Index are updated on a quarterly basis and posted on the Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). Refer to this *Update* until the DMS Index is modified.

For specific Medicaid requirements on the procedure codes listed in this *Update*, refer to service-specific publications.

### New Requests for Prior Authorization

Effective immediately, providers are required to use the new procedure codes for new prior authorization (PA) requests (with future DOS) received by Wisconsin Medicaid.

### Approved and Modified Prior Authorization Requests Currently in Effect

For approved and modified PA requests currently in effect with grant dates before January 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid will identify and convert all discontinued procedure codes in accordance with the attachment. The discontinued procedure codes will remain effective for DOS before January 1, 2006; however, the converted procedure codes will be effective for DOS on and after January 1, 2006. Quantities that have been approved on the original Prior Authorization Request Form (PA/RF), HCF 11018 (Rev. 10/03), are not to be exceeded. The procedure code conversion will result in an increase of details on the PA/RF. If this conversion results in more than 12 details, Wisconsin Medicaid will assign a new PA/RF with a new PA number for the converted codes. When this occurs, Wisconsin Medicaid will notify the provider by mail of the new PA number(s) assigned for the converted codes.

Because the procedure codes will be converted on these requests for PA, providers are required to submit claims using the converted codes that replace the discontinued codes for DOS on and after January 1, 2006. For claims related to PA with DOS before January 1, 2006, providers are required to use the discontinued procedure codes.

### **Requests for Prior Authorization Currently in Process**

For PA requests currently in process that are approved or modified with grant dates before January 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid will identify and convert all discontinued procedure codes in accordance with the attachment. Requests for PA that are returned by Wisconsin Medicaid to the provider for more information will not be converted by Wisconsin Medicaid.

### **For More Information**

Providers with questions regarding the procedure codes in this *Update* may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

### **Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs**

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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